

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location of a member of the Commonwealth Forces, during the Great War 1914-1921.

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Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	X
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Traill, William D.C.M.	i	Zantvoorde British Cemetery	link
1 st Bn Royal West Kent	i	Location	i
CSM #L/8535	i	Plot 4 Row B Grave 11	i
Death 26 October 1917	link	Date of Burial / Exhumation	i
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Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report Form for Plot 4 Row B Grave 11 of the Zantvoorde British Cemetery lists an Unknown British C.S.M. (Company Serjeant Major) of the R. W. K. That unit is known officially as the "Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)".

A detailed review of all of the available information provides clear and compelling evidence that these are the remains of Company Serjeant Major William Traill of the 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). He was lost in action in the Ypres sector of Belgium on 26 October 1917 and his remains were not knowingly recovered.

Details of Findings:

The findings are based on the following:

1. The [Graves Registration Report](#) (GRRF) for Plot 4 Row B Grave 11 of the Zantvoorde British Cemetery lists an Unknown British C.S.M. (Company Serjeant Major) of the R. W. K. (Royal West Kent Regiment). There is no date of death on the GRRF (Attachment #1).

A second, initially unidentified Company Serjeant Major of the Royal West Kent Regiment is also listed for Plot 2 Row J Grave 14 of the Zantvoorde British Cemetery. He was later identified as [Company Serjeant Major W. \(William\) Lamb #G/8620](#) of the 10th Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). His date of death is recorded as 29 September 1918.

2. The [Concentration of Graves Burial Return](#) (COG-BR) for the remains in Plot 4 Row B Grave 4 reports an "Unknown B.S. C.S.M. R.W. Kents", identified by numerals and clothing (Attachment #2). The remains were recovered at trench map coordinates **28.J.20.b.7.7**. This location is in close vicinity to the Herenthage Chateau on the south side of the Menin Road, between Hooze and Gheluvelt, Belgium.

The second C.S.M. of the Royal West Kent Regiment, noted above, was recovered at trench map coordinates **28.P.27.d.3.6**, to the northwest of Comines, Belgium. This location is more than 7,500 yards south-southeast of where the remains of CSM Traill were recovered.

3. The [Headstone Schedule](#) (HD-SCHD) provides confirmation that the remains buried in Plot 4 Row B Grave 11 were not knowingly identified (Attachment #3). The document lists only an "Unknown British C. Serjt. Major, Known Unto God". It is not known at this time where the headstone details the regimental affiliation, as that is not noted on the document.
4. An *Area Map* has been extracted from the Lloyd Reeds Collection at McMaster University in (Attachment #4). This map has been marked to show the location where the remains were recovered at **28.J.20.b.7.7**, south of the road running between Hooze and Gheluvelt (the Menin Road). For reference to the war diary analysis, a red box has been drawn around the location of Sterling Castle and Herenthage Chateau. The Royal West Kent Regiment was active in this area during the Second Battle of Passchendaele, part of the Third Battle of Ypres.
5. A more detailed *Trench Map* extracted from the UKNA Trench Map DVD provides further detail on the exact location where the remains were recovered at **28.J.20.b.7.7** (Attachment #5). Here the location of the Herenthage Chateau and Sterling Castle are clearly visible. What is most important on this map is the location of the remains on the south side of the road. This fact, detailing the location of the remains, becomes critical during the analysis of the battalion's movement, described in the war diaries of the regiment.

6. The [Possible Candidates List](#) was derived from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) database, which lists thirty (30) Company Serjeant Majors of the regiment lost in the Great War (Attachment #6). In the attachment, those with no known grave are highlighted as **red** (4 in Belgium), **blue** (5 in France) and **green** (1 in Iraq). Of the four (4) with no known grave in Belgium, one (1) is listed on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial and three (3) on the Tyne Cot Memorial. All the unknown CSMs of the regiment in Belgium were killed between August and December 1917.

The location of each of the seven (7) CSMs who were killed in Belgium was investigated in detail, including those that had a known grave. The location of the unit, relative to the location where the remains were recovered was used to identify any of the men who may have been in the location where the remains were recovered. The end result was clear, as only Company Serjeant Major Traill was in the area where the remains were recovered. As in the above, only those marked **red** have no known grave.

surname	death	Bn	research notes
SAUNDERS	24/08/1914	1st	German Grave 65 45.H.30.d.95.35
DARTON	21/09/1917	10th	2,500 yards SW at 28.I.30.b
TITE	13/12/1917	7th	Boesinghe 28.B.5, well out of the area
TRAILL	26/10/1917	1st	in the immediate area of remains at 28.J.20.b.7.7
WESTON	17/11/1915	8th	moved from Enclosure #4
JENNINGS	11/8/1917	11th	at Hollebeke 28.P.19 (war diary page 231 of 259)
LAMB	29/09/1918	10th	he was the unknown on COG-BR 2157900

There is one (1) Company Serjeant Major with a Secondary Regiment affiliation to the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) who died during the Great War. [CSM Harvey #311194](#) has a date of death of 4 April 1919 and is buried in the Lille Southern Cemetery in France. The records also show that [CSM Bristow #L/6162](#) was attached to the 7th Bn, Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

7. The *War Diary Entries* were checked for each of the possible candidates to prepare the above table and then reviewed in detail for the analysis of the possible candidates for the remains recovered (Attachments #7a-d). The only two (2) Company Serjeant Majors that were anywhere near where the remains were recovered were CSM Darton and CSM Traill.

At the time of the death of CSM Darton on 21 September 1917, the 10th Battalion was near the Hedge Street Tunnels, which appears east of Armagh Wood and is reported to be at **28.I.30.b** (war diary [page 212 of 369](#)). That places him about 2,500 yards southwest of the spot where the remains of the CSM were recovered, so these are not the remains of CSM Darton.

When CSM Traill was KIA on 26 October 1917, the battalion was moving from Stirling Castle **28.J.13.d** east toward sector **28.J.21.b.8.4** (war diary [page 145 of 694](#)). That means they were moving in a southeast direction in the path of the

Hooge-Gheluvelt road. That would take them past the location of the remains at **28.J.20.b.7.7**. The reference location is given as the PILL BOX at **28.J.21.b.5.3**.

Company Serjeant Major Traill is the only missing CSM that served in the 1st Battalion. The war diary ([page 144 of 694](#)) of the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) for 24 October 1917 reports that the Battalion Headquarters took over a Pill Box at **28.J.14.d.95.35** (Attachment #7a). This places them just north of the Hooge-Gheluvelt road (*aka Menin Road*) and due-north of the Herenthage Chateau, within 500 yards of where the remains were recovered at **28.J.20.b.7.7**.

The 25th of October 1917 was reported to be a quiet day, the only casualties being reported as 7 OR's wounded (Attachment #7b). The Battalion HQ, along with a Regimental Aid Post, moved to a small Pill Box to the southeast along the road to **28.J.21.b.5.3** (war diary [page 145 of 694](#)). During the evening hours, the bulk of the men then started to move east from their base at Stirling Castle. This movement would have taken them past the Herenthage Chateau, only if they were on the south side of the road.

The bulk of the 1st Battalion was moving east on the north side of the Menin Road, which does not place them in the immediate vicinity of where the remains of the CSM were recovered. How the CSM ended up south of the Menin Road, precisely where the remains were recovered, is recorded in detail in the following quotes from the war diary (Attachments # 7d & 7c):

- On 25 October 1917 (war diary [page 214 of 694](#)):
*"In accordance with orders issued to Bn Commander, "C" Coy moved forward from STIRLING CASTLE at about 8 pm and dug in assembly position about **J.21.b.4.5**. "A" Coy should have done likewise but **orders apparently miscarried** [matters yet to be investigated] and the Coy **did not move** from STIRLING CASTLE till 1:30 am 26 Oct. and even one platoon did not come forward from that place and so took no place in the operations."*
- On 26 October 1917: (war diary [page 215 of 694](#)):
*At zero hour the assembly Coys "B" & "D" moved forward to the attack. "A" Coy at the same time moving forward to occupy the line held by "B" & "D" Coys from night of 24th to morning of 26th. Reports indicated that **"A" Coy moved rather too much S (south). This was due to the fact that all Officers and CSM became casualties.***

We now have CSM Traill of "A" Coy misplaced to the south of the road and missing. That is why he was not amongst the dead recovered from the **28.J.22.a** location at the Red or Blue Line Objectives. His remains were recovered from exactly where they should have been when he was misplaced. Note that the two Officers killed were not ones that were with CSM Traill, which although not recovered, were reported to be in operations east of the Front Line and at the location of the Objectives. The Officer casualties with CSM Traill were wounded but not killed.

The importance of the misplacement of the men of "A" Coy became a critical issue when it was noted that the majority of the men of the battalion, that fell that day, were recovered in Sector **28.J.22.a**. They were where they should have been and not where the misplaced CSM and other Officers were located. The war diary tells us more about their movements and why they were not recovered with the CSM:

- The activity started to pick up at 4 am on the 26th, as B and D Coy took up assembly positions in the rear at about **28.J.21.b.8.4**. The artillery barrage passed over their heads to come down just behind the British front line trenches. Shortly after, the battalion suffered their first casualties of the day when the enemy put down a barrage of artillery and machine gun fire. [Captain G. W. Press](#), commanding "D" Coy was killed at about 7 am. The Captain's remains were not recovered, thus he too is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial.
- The appendices (MO5) provide a map detailing the front line objective and the Divisional and Brigade boundaries (war diary [page 169 of 694](#)). This would suggest that the majority of the men found buried in sector **28.J.22.a** were those that reached the objective. The Operational Order (MO21) of 24 October 1917, reports that the 1st Objective (Red Line) is from **28.J.22.b.42.70** to b.15.00 and the 2nd Objective is **28.J.22.b.45.70** to b.75.25. This is detailed on the war diary map (MO22b) (war diary [page 211 of 694](#)).

The [CWGC database](#) records 116 dead of the battalion for 26 October 1917, of which 72 are named on the Tyne Cot Memorial. Thirty-one (31) of the men are now buried in Hooze Crater Cemetery, the majority of which were recovered from **28.J.22.a**, more or less the objective line. Ten (10) are now in known graves in the Tyne Cot Cemetery, also concentrated from sector **28.J.22.a**. Knowing that all of the "A" Coy Officers, as well as the Company Serjeant Major, were initially lost and did not make it to the battlefield provides the necessary fact to confirm the identity of the CSM remains recovered.

8. *A Tyne Cot Memorial Photograph* depicts the listings of Company Serjeant Majors Darton, Tite and Traill (Attachment #8). CSM Jennings does not appear in this image as he is named on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial. Had the remains of any of these Company Serjeant Majors been identified, they would no longer be named on these memorials.

Action Required:

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #9).

The evidence is clear and compelling, thus leaves no question as to the identity of the Company Serjeant Major of the Queen’s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) buried in Plot 4 Row B Grave 11 of the Zantvoorde British Cemetery. Company Serjeant Major William Traill #L/8535 became separated from the rest of the regiment and ended up south of the Menin Road. He became the sole unknown 1st Battalion NCO recovered from that location.

ATTACHMENT #1

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2157665.JPG>

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

D.A.D.G.R. & E. Central Sub-District.
No. 5. District.

REPORT No. *16* SCHEDULE No. *59/c*

PLACE OF BURIAL *T New*
ZANDVOORDE, BRITISH MILITARY CEMETERY.

Sheet 28.P.3.b.2.4.

Map Reference *T*

Commune ZANDVOORDE.

The following are buried here:— **PLOT 4. ROW "B"**

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			ALL CROSSES ERECTED	1 ✓
Royal Fus.	~~25000~~	-do-	-do-	<i>Ry 42496</i>		2 ✓
<i>13th. R.F.</i>	<i>228544</i>	<i>WALTERS</i>	<i>Cpte. H.P.</i>	<i>1-10-17</i>	<i>2/20624</i>	3 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH LIEUT.				4 ✓
		-do-	-do-	SOLDIER		5 ✓
		-do-	-do-	CAPTAIN		6 ✓
		-do-	-do-	-do-		7 ✓
		-do-	-do-	SOLDIER		8 ✓
		-do-	-do-	-do-		9 ✓
Warwick		-do-	-do-	-do-		10 ✓
R.W.K.		-do-	-do-	C.S.M.		11 ✓
D.C.L.I.		-do-	-do-	2/LIEUT.		12 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				13 ✓
		-do-	-do-	-do-		14 ✓
		-do-	-do-	-do-		15 ✓

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ATTACHMENT #2

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2157847.JPG>

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CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).
4 AUG 1920
BURIAL RETURN.
RECEIVED
Zantvoorde

Name of Cemetery of Reburial
Zantvoorde

13/2/20.

B1632/83

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
4	B	8	S.4/28 T20 B.7-7	No.	Unknown B.S.	Clothing	Yes
"	"	9	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	10	"	"	Unknown B.S. R. Warfield	"	"
"	"	11	"	"	Unknown B.S. C.S.M. R. W. Keats	Numeral & Clothing	"
"	"	12	"	"	Officer, D.C.L.I.	Clothing & Store	"
"	"	13	"	"	B.S.	Clothing	"
"	"	14	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	15	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	16	"	"	24287 Pte Martin J.T. R. Warfield	D.I.C.	"
"	"	17	"	"	Unknown B.S.	Clothing	"
"	"	18	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	19	"	"	"	Numeral	"
"	"	20	"	"	"	Numeral	"

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This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

ATTACHMENT #3

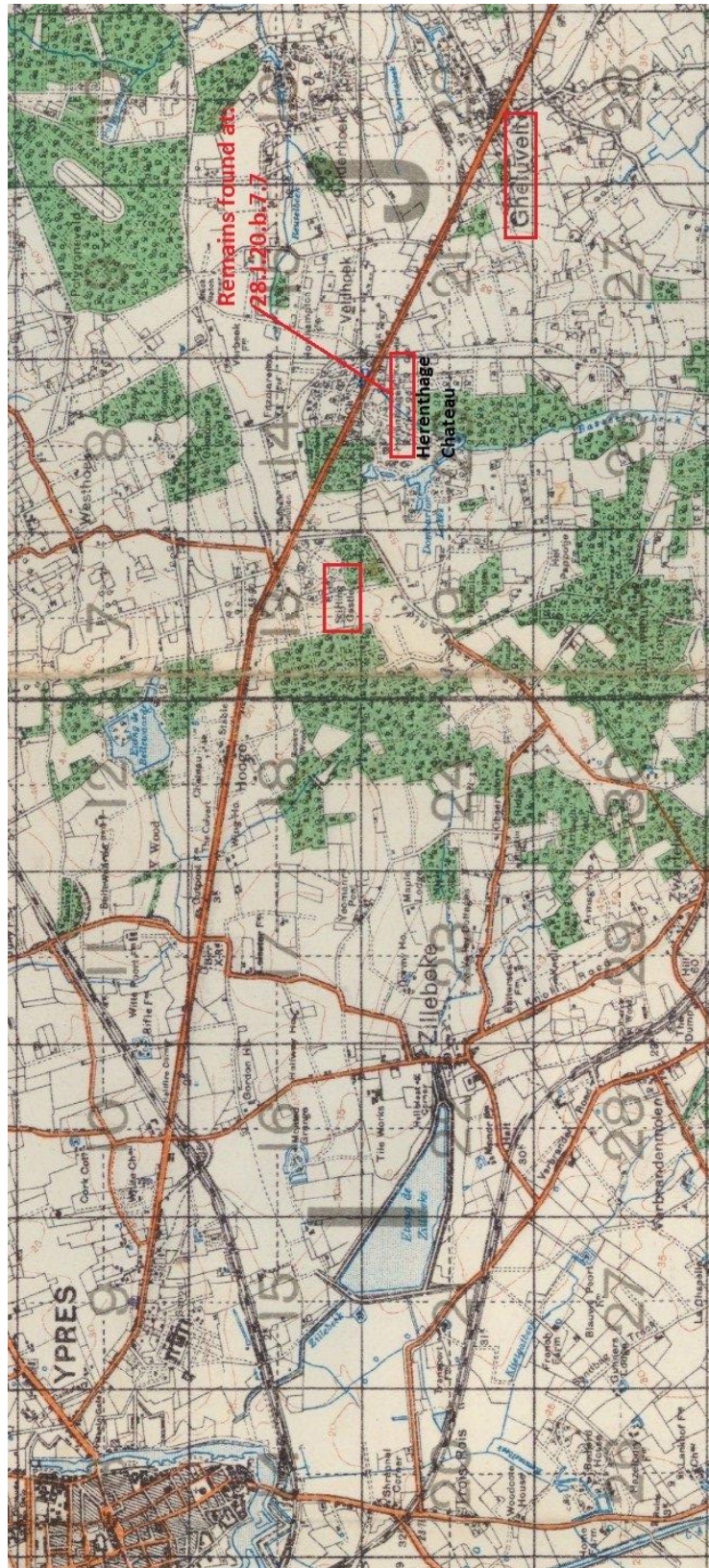
Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Comprehensive Report (A) of Headstone Inscriptions.

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Imperial War Graves Commission.										
No. of Contract _____ dated _____		COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS				Schedule "A" Page 86				
Name and Address of Firm. _____		to this report is attached				Name of Cemetery.				
_____		COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS				ZANDVOORDE B.C. "B"				
_____		(those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)				To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:—				
_____		and				ZAND. B.C.				
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).										
Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line.	2nd Line.	3rd Line.	4th Line.	Age.	Centre of Stone.	To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level.			
	Number and Rank.	Initials, NAME and Honours.	Regiment.	Date of Death. In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.		Relig. Emb.	Plot P.	Row R.	No. of Stone.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	P	R	H	
1028/1G		UNKNOWN BRITISH C. SERJ. MAJOR (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	11	876
1013/1G		UNKNOWN BRITISH SECOND LIEUTENANT (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	12	877
LAYOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	13	878
LAYOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	14	879
LAYOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	15	880
1064/1C	24287 PRIVATE	J.T. MARTIN	ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGT.	9TH OCTOBER 1917	AGE 20	CROSS	4	B	16	881
LAYOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	17	882
LAYOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	18	883
LAYOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	19	884
1039/1G		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	20	885
LAYOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	21	886
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1048/1G		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	23	888
LAYOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)					4	B	24	889
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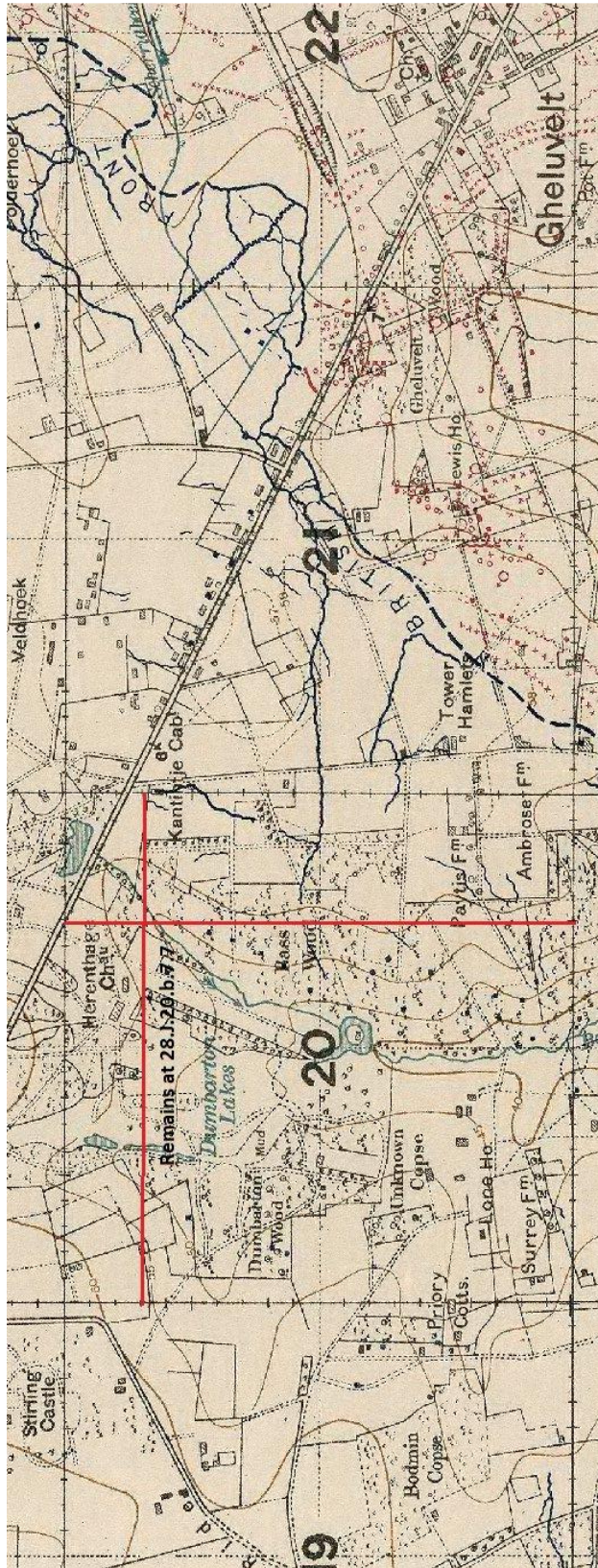
ATTACHMENT #4

Lloyd Reeds Map Collection of McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario Canada. Ypres Map 322WW1MAP
<http://digitalarchive.mcmaster.ca/islandora/object/macrepo%3A3941/-/collection>



ATTACHMENT #5

The National Archives British Trench Map Atlas. 28NE3 Gheluvelt Edition 8A Map w0297_0744 8A 05-12-1917. Naval and Military Press, Uckfield, West Sussex, United Kingdom.



ATTACHMENT #6

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Casualty Record: Commonwealth Forces.*
([CWGC Link](#))

surname	initials	death	unit	country	#	cemetery/memorial	grave reference
SAUNDERS	W B	24/08/1914	1st Bn	Belgium	'L/4607'	HAUTRAGE MILITARY CEMETERY	I. B. 12.
DARTON	M J	21/09/1917	10th Bn.	Belgium	'G/6742'	TYNE COT MEMORIAL	Panel 106 to 108.
TITE	H W	13/12/1917	7th Bn.	Belgium	'240807'	TYNE COT MEMORIAL	Panel 106 to 108.
TRAILL	W	26/10/1917	1st Bn.	Belgium	'L/8535'	TYNE COT MEMORIAL	Panel 106 to 108.
WESTON	H G	17/11/1915	8th Bn.	Belgium	'G/9721'	VOORMEELE ENCLOSURES NO.1 AND NO.2	II. C. 16.
JENNINGS	R	11/8/1917	11th Bn.	Belgium	'205167'	YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL	Panel 45 and 47.
LAMB	W	29/09/1918	"D" Coy. 10th Bn	Belgium	'G/8620'	ZANTVOORDE BRITISH CEMETERY	II. J. 15.
MARKHAM	J T	7/10/1916	1st Bn. attd. 6th Bn.	France	'424'	BANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY	IX. H. 11.
SMITH	F C	23/12/1915	"A" Coy. 6th Bn.	France	'L/8059'	BROWN'S ROAD MILITARY CEMETERY, FESTUBERT	II. D. 10.
RANSOME	E G	27/07/1916	"B" Coy. 1st Bn.	France	'L/4921'	CATERPILLAR VALLEY CEMETERY, LONGUEVAL	IX. H. 10.
BANDY	J T	18/09/1916	10th Bn.	France	'G/6843'	CORBIE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	Plot 2. Row E. Grave 21.
GUTTERIDGE	J	16/10/1918	8th Bn.	France	'G/1324'	DELSAUX FARM CEMETERY, BEUGNY	II. B. 2.
CROSSLEY	F J	9/4/1916	1st Bn.	France	'5259'	FAUBOURG D'AMIENS CEMETERY, ARRAS	I. A. 24.
LEVITT	G	31/07/1917	11th Bn.	France	'8569'	GODEWAERSVELDE BRITISH CEMETERY	I. A. 32.
PENNEY	W H	28/10/1914	1st Bn.	France	'L/4558'	LE TOURET MEMORIAL	Panel 30 and 31.
CAMPLIN	G A	26/09/1915	8th Bn.	France	'G/2711'	LOOS MEMORIAL	Panel 95 to 97.
VERRALL	G T	16/04/1917	8th Bn.	France	'S/923'	MAROC BRITISH CEMETERY, GRENAV	III. C. 11.
WHEELER	A	10/6/1917	10th Bn.	France	'9300'	MONT HUON MILITARY CEMETERY, LE TREPOT	III. G. 9A.
COE	G M	13/09/1916	10th Bn.	France	'G/6771'	THIEPVAL MEMORIAL	Pier and Face 11 C.
GLAZEBROOK	S W	22/07/1916	1st Bn.	France	'L/8020'	THIEPVAL MEMORIAL	Pier and Face 11 C.
PEARSON	C	1/7/1916	7th Bn.	France	'S/1086'	THIEPVAL MEMORIAL	Pier and Face 11 C.
YOUNG	C H A	2/12/1916	"C" Coy. 6th Bn.	France	'502'	WALLY ORCHARD CEMETERY	I. A. 13.
BRISTOW	A E	5/9/1916	2nd Bn. (att'd RDF)	Greece	'L/6162'	STRUMA MILITARY CEMETERY	III. E. 2.
BOVIS	F	30/10/1918	2nd Bn.	Iraq	'8438'	BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY	XIII. C. 2.
DARLEY	R	27/10/1916	2nd Bn.	Iraq	'L/6078'	BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY	XXI. K. 30.
FLETCHER	T	23/09/1916	2nd Bn.	Iraq	'L/5752'	BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY	XXI. Q. 24.
NEWBROOK	E J	7/2/1916	2nd Bn.	Iraq	'L/5706'	BASRA MEMORIAL	Panel 29.
PALMER	A W	22/04/1917	2nd/4th Bn.	Israel, Paestine, Gaza	'200090'	DEIR EL BELAH WAR CEMETERY	A. 132.
PALMER	O	17/12/1917	2nd/4th Bn.	Israel, Paestine, Gaza	'203264'	JERUSALEM WAR CEMETERY	R. 65.
WHITE	D U A	8/10/1918	2nd/4th Bn.	Israel, Paestine, Gaza	'200238'	RAMLEH WAR CEMETERY	CC. 25.

ATTACHMENT #7a

UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920 Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment 5th Division Piece 1555/1-2: 1 Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) (1917 Jul - Nov)

7.

Army Form C. 2118.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Enuse heading not required.)

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendix
RIDGE WOOD N.S. 257.	24 th		The 23rd and 24th spent in making final arrangements for the attack, and Relief Orders [MO 18] were issued in accordance with [MO 19]. Rain fell almost all day. CO. 135 with Corrections and additions [MO 20] had previously been received. On the day 2LT P. S. A. MONTGOMERY who had been evacuated sick - rejoined with a grant of 38 O.R.s. On the 24th B. operation orders [MO 21] were issued. The B. marched from RIDGE WOOD to a field on the N.W. side of BEDFORD HOUSE where dumps were taken, and the necessary grenades, ammunition and stores were issued. These dumps included all the necessary ration - were carried by the B. also gratiocks and 220 rounds S.A. Dumps personnel had been left behind at RIDGE WOOD. 581 O.R.s and the following officers went into action: LT COL. B. JOHNSTONE Commanding Officer. A. Coy. 2LT H. E. FRY. C. Coy. LT R. P. WAIN. D. Coy. CAPT G. W. PRESS. CAPT TOMPSON M.O. 2LT LA HARRIS. A. G. BROWN. 2LT R. D. LAYELAGE. 2LT A. ROGERS. LT D. H. LEWIS-BARNED. I.G.O. H. N. FAYTER. P. J. HILL. S. ORAM. 2LT R. BROWN. M.O. Adjutant. Guides were waiting at BEDFORD HOUSE and at 5 pm. the B. began to move off to take the French as under: B and D Coys took over front and support line trenches from 5th B. W. K. S. 11 in 1.22 a.m. C and A Coys took over trenches in and about STERLING CASTLE 1.13 a.m. from 9th B. Rifle Brigade. B. H. H. took over pillbox at 3.14 a.m. 9.5.35. This relief was completed by 1 a.m. Del. 25th with only 6 casualties. The day passed quietly except for heavy barrages but soon by the morning on our support trenches and back areas of intervals. Casualties during the day were 7 O.R.s wounded.	None MO 19, MO 20 MO 21. Ref. map BELGIUM & FRANCE Sheet 28. CHATELAIN 28 NE 3.
Pill Box 314 d. 9.5.35.	25 th			

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FM BOK J.21.4.53.	25		By 1 pm B. H. A. had been relieved by HQ 21st LK and moved up to Battle HQ at J.21.4.53. Two bats a small but box of two compartments one of which was allotted to B. H. A. and the other was used as Regimental Aid Post. During the morning 205 A and C Coys, with their Platoon Officers and MGs, had reorganised their assembly positions and routes to them. These Coys now moved forward from STERLING CASTLE and began to dig in, in their positions of assembly at the following units - C Coy, 10 pm. A Coy - 10 pm. 1 Platoon - at 3 am on 26th Order was carried to the above mentioned position of A Coy, which remained at STERLING CASTLE, and B. H. A. in front in the operations. Watches were synchronised at 11 pm on 25th.	Fit and cheerful 28 M.E.S.
	26th		At 4 am on 26th B and D Coys moved back from front and support lines - which till then had been held by them - and took up assembly positions in rear, at about J.21.6.8.4. and 8.5. in order to allow the artillery barrage to come down just behind our front line trenches. The B. H. A. was in positions of assembly by 4.30 am. Map of dispositions [MO.22] attached. Between 4.30 am and 5.30 am the enemy put down a heavy barrage of shell and MG fire which caused some casualties. 21st L. A. HARRIS and H.V.D. DYSON of A Coy were wounded and 2nd P. HILL was ordered to join A Coy. ZERO hour was 5.40 am. D Coy moved forward to the assembly closely supported by B. Coy and at the same time A Coy moved up into the trenches from which B and D Coys had been withdrawn at 4 am. About 7 am. news was received that Capt G.W. PRESS O.C. D. Coy had been killed and that the following were also casualties: IT D.D. SMITH. 21st A ROGERS 21st S. O'BAM.	MO.22.A

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occurred during the day from shell fire which was heavy at times. By 7 pm. Bn HQ gto had been relieved by Hq gto 2/KOSB and moved to Battle HQ gto at J.21.6.5.3. a small pillbox of two compartments. One compartment was allotted to Hq gto. and one compartment became Rgtal Aid Post. In accordance with orders issued to Bn Commander, C Coy moved forward from STIRLING CASTLE at about 8 pm. and dug in assembly position about J.21.6.4.5. A Coy. should have done likewise but orders apparently miscarried [matter yet to be investigated] and the Coy did not move from STIRLING CASTLE till 1.30 am 26. Oct. and even then one platoon did not come forward from that place and so took no place in the operations.

26.10.17. B and D Coys withdrew from the line held by them up to this time [4 am] in order to allow the Artillery Barrage to come down on the line appointed and dug in in their assembly positions about J.21.6.8.4. and 8.5. in preparation for the assault. The Bn was in the assembly positions by 4.30 am with the exception of the one platoon of A Coy referred to above. Between 4.30 am and 5.30 am a heavy barrage was put down by the enemy of Artillery and MG's causing a few casualties 2/Lt DYSON and HARRIS of A Coy were wounded 2/Lt HILL was ordered

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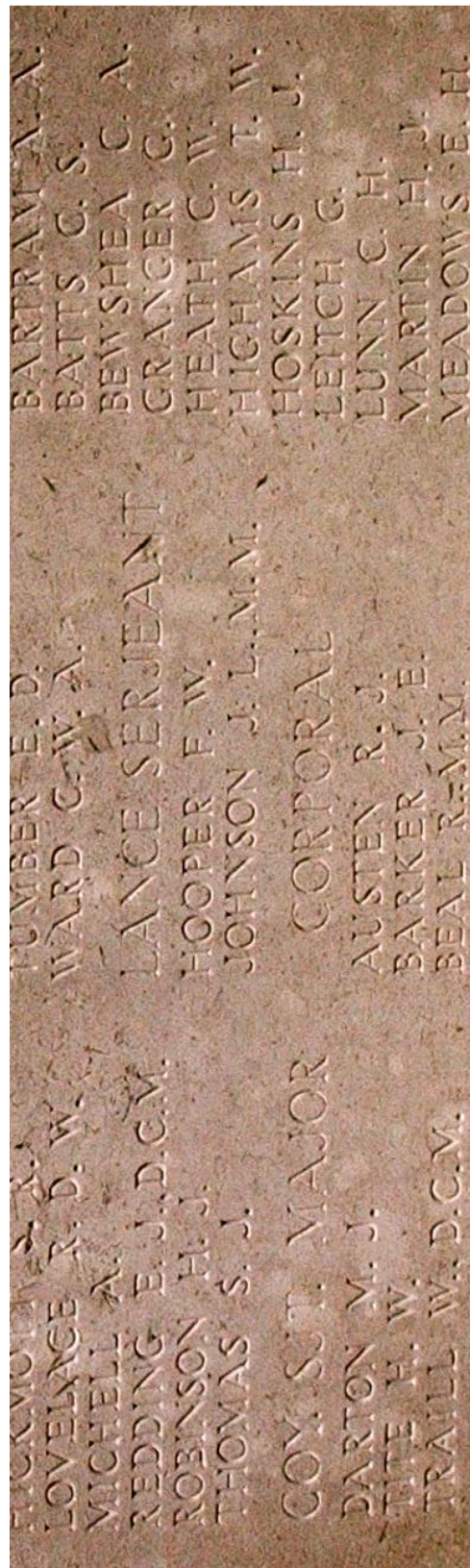
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Join A Coy from C Coy. At Zero hour the assaulting Coys B and D moved forward to the attack. A Coy at the same time moving forward to occupy the line held by B and D Coys from night of 24th to morning of 26th. Reports indicate that A Coy. moved rather too much S. This was due to the fact that all Officers and C.S.M. became casualties. At 7 am (about) news was received that Capt PRESS O.C. D Coy had been killed. The following also were casualties LT SMITH 2LT ROGERS and 2LT ORAM. 2LT LEWIS BARNED was then ordered to proceed to front line to take over command of A Coy. and to report the situation. 2nd Lts HILL FAYTOR and BROWN were now casualties (wounded). No information was received from front except from LT OLIVER MG Corps who reported that both the MG's, which had gone forward with the Bn, had been blown up with all their teams, but that leading troops of the Bn had gained their first objectives and were in touch with the 7th Div on Right flank. At 8 am. bodies of troops of 7th Div retreated across the Bn front. These were rallied as far as possible and with 2LT LEWIS BARNED were sent to hold a line of posts with the remains of A Coy as near the original front line as possible. C Coy were ordered to prolong the

ATTACHMENT #8

Tyne Cot Memorial Photograph

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ATTACHMENT #9

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Commonwealth Forces during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

We have modified the requirement information noted below to include CWGC criteria from their source material:

Guideline Criteria for Submission:	Evidence and Source Material:
Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.	Un-cited resources cannot be accepted as official evidence. Research conducted on the internet will only be accepted if supplied by a recognised authority such as the CWGC, National Archives etc. Any primary (contemporary) sources <i>e.g. the National Archives, CWGC, and Genealogical website original documentation etc.</i> must be copied and submitted with the case. The relevant pages of any secondary material <i>e.g. published reference books and articles; website material etc.</i> should also be copied and submitted. All sources must be correctly referenced as footnotes throughout the submission as well as cited in a complete bibliography of consulted sources. Referencing is essential to any historical research and should contain some uniform elements.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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